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SUBJECT Tank Plant No 148 and Gun Plant No 172
at Molotov

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1. Tank Plant No 148 or 158 and Gun Plant No 172 were next to one another on the bank of the Kama River in Molotov (58°00'N/56°15'E). A large chemical combine was just northeast of the tank plant. *
2. The tank plant comprised a foundry, a track department, tank hull department, machine shops, assembly shops, test stands, a transformer station, and presumably also an engine department. The plant allegedly produced twelve T 34/85 tanks daily. **
3. At Gun Plant No 172 long-barreled guns with an estimated caliber of 150 to 170 mm and mortars with an estimated caliber of 150 to 160 mm were observed. According to Soviets, the plant in 1949 produced 70 to 80 long-barreled guns and 120 mortars in 24 hours. Many old German guns ready to be scrapped were observed in the plant as were new 152 mm howitzers with two rim wheels in front and two disk wheels in back. Gun discharges from the practice firing range were heard all day. Shipments to and from the plant were made by rail. ***

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[REDACTED] Comment. See Annex 1 for source's sketch indicating the location of the tank plant and the gun plant. It is possible that the tank plant and the gun plant together form Armament Plant No 172.

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[REDACTED] Comment. See Annex 2 for a layout sketch of the tank plant. The production figure given for the tank plant is too high to be just the production of new tanks. The plant apparently concentrates on the repair of old tanks. It is also possible that some of the tanks processed in the plant are not repaired but rather fitted with tank armament.

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[REDACTED] Comment. See Annex 3 for layout sketch of the gun plant. The present report is of little value except that it confirms the production of guns and tanks respectively at the two plants in 1949. Gun production at Plant No 172 from 1946 to 1948 was also confirmed [REDACTED]

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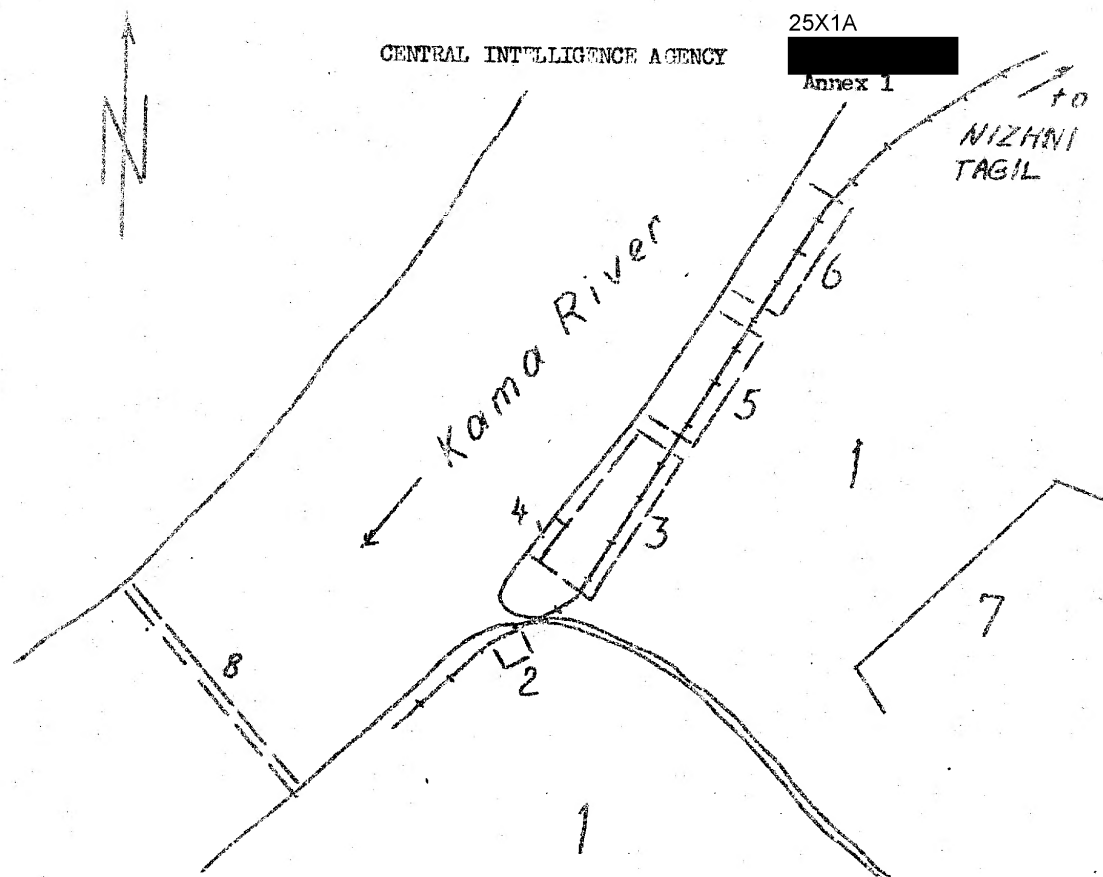
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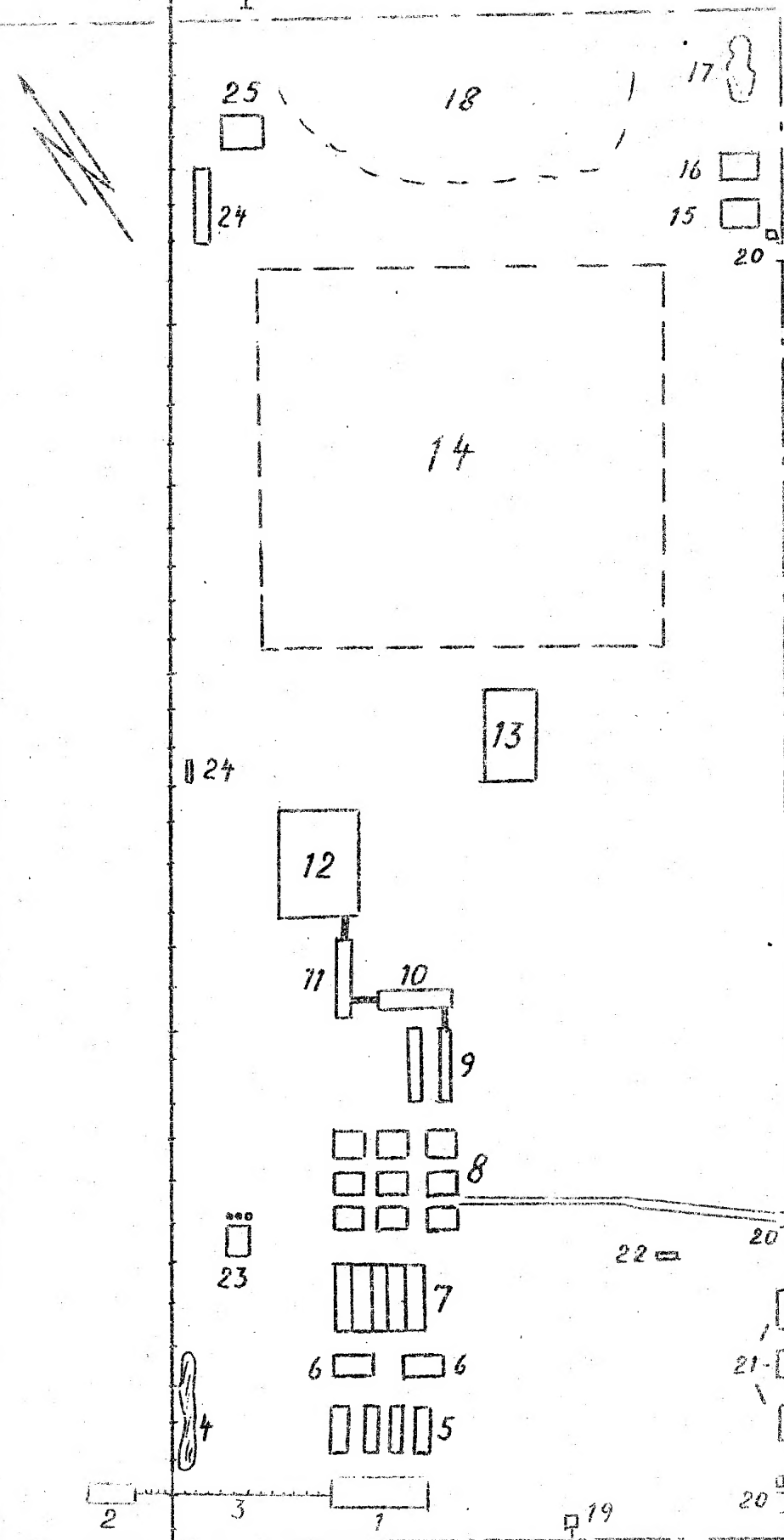
- 1 Molotov town area
- 2 Molotov railroad station (II)
- 3 Gun Plant No 172
- 4 Gun range
- 5 Tank Plant
- 6 Chemical Plant
- 7 Airfield
- 8 Ferry

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Annex 2

Kama River



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Annex 2

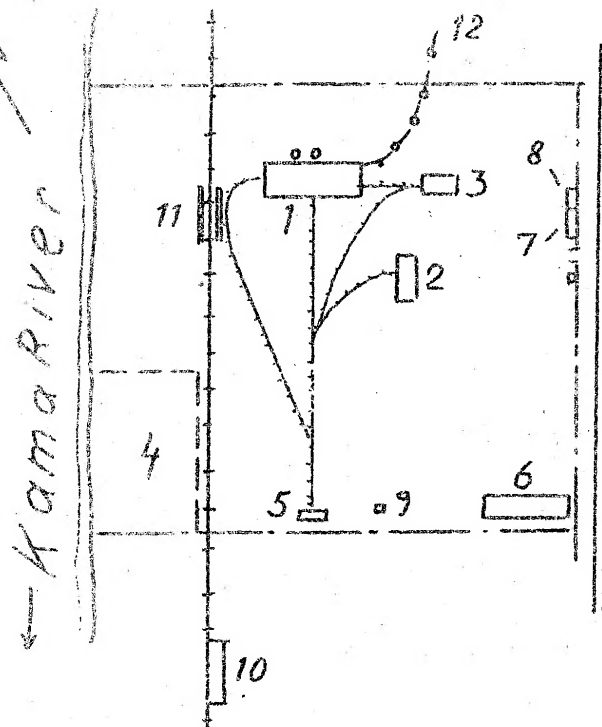
Legend

- 1 Foundry
- 2 Storehouse
- 3 Narrow-gauge field railway
- 4 Coal dump
- 5 Workshop buildings
- 6 Track department
- 7 Assembly shops
- 8 Mechanical workshops
- 9 Assembly shops
- 10 Tank hull department
- 11 Probably same as 10
- 12 Probably engine department
- 13 Test stands
- 14 Various workshop buildings, whose use could not be accurately determined
- 15 Parking shed for completed tanks
- 16 Parking shed for completed tanks
- 17 Barracks building housing guard units
- 18 Large scrap dump
- 19 Transformer station
- 19a High-tension line
- 20 Guardhouses at entrance gates
- 21 Offices or storehouses
- 22 Kitchen
- 23 Building with smokestacks
- 24 Loading ramps
- 25 Building of undetermined purpose

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 Molotov Gun Plant No. 172

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- Legend:
- 1 Gun production workshop, two smoke stacks
 - 2 Mortar production workshop
 - 3 Foundry
 - 4 Range. Firing was done across the Kama River
 - 5 Wooden shed
 - 6 Storage shed for completed guns
 - 7 Office
 - 8 Office
 - 9 Probably transformer station
 - 10 Molotov I freight station
 - 11 Loading ramps
 - 12 High tension line

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